

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

*A resolution to approve the research project entitled "National GSL State/Tribal Suicide Grant Evaluation" by Anna Hogberg, Area Director, Health, Wellness, and Prevention, Generation Schools Network*

WHEREAS, the EBCI Medical Institutional Review Board (MIRB) has been assigned the task of reviewing health-related research requests made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, Generation Schools Network (GSN) received a five-year federal grant through the Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Program, which runs from October 2024 through September 2029; and

WHEREAS, this program helps prevent youth suicide and supports mental health for youth up to age 24 in our community, working with Cherokee Central Schools, the Tribal Police Department, and a community Implementation Team; and

WHEREAS, participation in this program is part of a national evaluation to measure how well the GLS program works, and SAMHSA has hired ICF to carry out this evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation collects information securely online through the Suicide Prevention Data Center (SPDC) and follows strict rules to protect privacy. Adults may choose to participate voluntarily, and youth under 18 are not included in the research; and

WHEREAS, past national studies of GLS programs have shown that they reduce suicide attempts and deaths and provide \$4.50 in healthcare savings for every dollar spent, with the strongest effects in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation helps our community by giving training in suicide prevention, building long-term support systems, and providing tools to help families and youth before, during, and after a crisis; and

WHEREAS The Medical Institutional Review Board (MIRB) has carefully reviewed this study and has determined that it meets all necessary ethical and research standards to ensure the safety and well-being of participants; and

1 WHEREAS The Secretary of the Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) has  
2 reviewed the request and the MIRB's recommendations and has also given  
3 approval; and  
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5 WHEREAS, The researcher acknowledges that the EBCI has a non-exclusive license to all  
6 information obtained from this research. And all information obtained will be  
7 forwarded to the EBCI Secretary of PHHS for review and neither *Anna Hogberg*  
8 nor the Co-Investigator, *Stacy Smith Ledford*, will use this information in any  
9 manner not authorized or in violation of Tribal law.  
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11 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
12 Indians, in Council assembled in which a quorum is present, Anna Hogberg, Area  
13 Director, Health, Wellness, and Prevention, Generation Schools Network is hereby  
14 granted permission to carry out the above-named research project as described in  
15 her MIRB-approved proposal, carrying out all follow-up and reporting as required  
16 by the Medical Institutional Review Board.  
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18 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby  
19 rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the  
20 Principal Chief.  
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22 Submitted by: *Sonya Wachacha, Secretary*  
23 *EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division*  
24 *on behalf of the EBCI Medical Institutional Review Board*  
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